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SHENCOTTA TALUK.

103. Want of facilities for the agriculturists of the taluk.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Aiyar (Member, Shencotta Taluk) brought forward the following difficulties of the agriculturists and prayed for the redress of their grievances.

(1) Want of common grazing grounds. [The Conservator offered free passes for the cattle of the ryots of Travancore, but he required that such cattle should be distinguished from foreign ones.]

(2) Want of cart roads for agricultural traffic.

(3) Destruction by wild animals of the crops.

(4) Fishing rights.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

On behalf of the Members who had been asked to meet Dr. Mitchell on the previous day and to discuss with him certain points in the new Education Code, Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay spoke as follows:—

"Sir,

In obedience to the direction of the President, the ten Members named by you had the fortune of meeting Dr. Mitchell, the Director of Public Instruction, here yesterday. We had an opportunity, and we are deeply thankful for it—of discussing the working and the policy of the Education Code, which has been the subject of so many representations this year. I am very glad to inform you that Dr. Mitchell was very kind and courteous to all of us, and he heard our representations with great patience. I do not wish to enter into the details of what was said on either side, as no doubt that will form the subject of a formal communication to you from the Director. But I should not omit to avail myself of this opportunity of conveying to you and to the Members of the Assembly, whose minds seem to have been much exercised on the policy and machinery of the Education Code, that nothing seemed further from the intention of the Director than to work it in an intolerent or narrow-minded way. I am glad to be able to bear public testimony to the impression that the interview left on the minds of those present, that Dr. Mitchell is anxious to adhere to the liberal policy of Government to promote the best interests of education, and he was able to give us the assurance of the sympathetic and progressive spirit in which the Department and Government desire to administer the Code and to remove all cause of genuine hardship wherever it may be shown to exist."

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Dewan's reply :—

"Gentlemen,

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I am very glad to hear what Mr. Pandalai has now said; and I think I can assure him as well as you all that, from what I know of Dr. Mitchell's views, his sole aim in the matter is the development of education in the State. If, in any respect, the Code provides stringent measures, that is solely for the improvement of education. His Highness' Government have the utmost feeling of sympathy for the large volume of aided work in the field of education, and, what is even more important, you will see a very large development in education soon. Government hope that, in the course of the next two or three years, the Code will produce considerable improvement in education. I think, in two or three years, you yourselves will recognise that you have made more progress than you have been able to do in the previous fifteen years."

KUNNATTUR TALUK.

104. The establishment of a Munsiff's Court in the Kunnattur taluk.

Mr. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Kunnattur Taluk) gave the following as reasons for the necessity of a Munsiff's Court at Kunnattur :—

(1) The difficulty of proceeding to Kottarakara, which is 20 miles from Kunnattur.

(2) If a Munsiff's Court were established at Kunnattur, some of the proverthies in the taluks of Mavelikara, Chengannur and Pathanapuram could be conveniently joined to the Kunnattur Munsiff's Court.

The Member prayed therefore that Government might be pleased to establish a Munsiff's Court at Kunnattur.

Dewan's reply.—In the scheme submitted by the High Court, no Munsiff's Court is proposed for Kunnattur and none will be sanctioned.

105. Opening of a dispensary in the Kunnattur taluk.

Mr. Kanakku Sankaran Velayudhan (Member, Kunnattur taluk) said that the people had no facilities for medical aid and requested that a dispensary might be established in the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—A dispensary will be opened at Adoor.

106. Repair of river bunds etc. and the starting of new irrigation works.

Mr. Kanakku Sankaran Velayudhan (Member, Kunnattur Taluk) stated that the water courses, culverts, river bunds &c. maintained by Government in the taluk to prevent crops from inundation and failure were in disrepair. The Member prayed that Government might be pleased to repair these and to start new irrigation works wherever re-

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